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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Organization of the work of the session

Note by the Secretariat

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2. The 1st meeting of the Preparatory Committee will be convened on Monday, 22 August 1994, at 10 a.m. Facilities will be available for four formal meetings each day during the two weeks of the session. The meeting hours (Monday to Friday, inclusive) will normally be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Afternoon	Item 4	Plenary
		Continuation of discussion

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Morning and afternoon	Item 4	Plenary
		Continuation of discussion

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		Draft provisional rules of procedure of the Summit (A/CONF.166/PC/L.6)
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Friday, 26 August		
Morning and afternoon	Item 4	Plenary
		Discussion of the draft declaration
		Conclusion of discussion
Week of 29 August-2 September		
Monday, 29 August		
Morning and afternoon	Item 4 c/	Committee of the Whole
		Negotiations on the draft programme of action

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b/ In addition, a conference room paper on the proposed organization of work for the Summit at Copenhagen will be made available to the Preparatory Committee.

c/ Should the Committee so decide, item 4 could be considered in two simultaneous working groups in the second week. As indicated in paragraph 2 above, facilities will be available for four meetings each day.

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Morning and afternoon	Item 4	Committee of the Whole Continuation of negotiations on the draft programme of action
Wednesday, 31 August		
Morning and afternoon	Item 4	Committee of the Whole Continuation of negotiations on the draft programme of action
Thursday, 1 September		
Morning and afternoon	Item 4	Committee of the Whole Conclusion of negotiations on the draft programme of action
Afternoon	Items 3, 5 and 6	Plenary Introduction of draft proposals
Friday, 2 September		
Morning and afternoon	Items 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7	Plenary Action on draft proposals Provisional agenda for the third session of the Preparatory Committee Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee Closure of the session

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2. The proposals are intended to assist the Committee to conduct a complete and productive discussion and preliminary negotiation of the draft declaration and draft programme of action for the Summit in the two weeks allocated for the current session. There will be no general debate at this session.

3. In view of rigorous time constraints, a time-limit of five minutes for each statement is proposed. In order to adhere to the schedule which the Committee sets for itself based on the proposals annexed hereto, participants are advised that it may be necessary to hold night meetings during the first week.

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Afternoon	Item 4	Plenary
		Conclusion of discussion on Chapter I

Tuesday, 23 August

Morning	Item 4	Plenary
		Continuation of discussion: Chapter II

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a/ Member States are invited to present their views on the priorities and focus of the three core issues and the other two parts of the draft programme of action.

Afternoon	Item 4	Plenary
		Continuation of discussion: Chapter III
Wednesday, 24 August		
Morning	Item 4	Plenary
		Continuation of discussion: Chapter IV
Afternoon	Item 4	Plenary
		Continuation of discussion: Chapter V
		Conclusion of discussion on the draft programme of action
Morning and afternoon	Items 3 and 5	Open-ended Working Group
		Status of the preparations for the World Summit for Social Development (A/CONF.166/PC.15) b/
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		Conclusion of discussion
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Morning and afternoon	Items 3 and 5	Plenary
		Report of the Working Group

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Preparatory Committee

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General, having received additional requests from intergovernmental organizations to participate in the work of the Preparatory Committee at its second session, has reviewed the credentials of those organizations and now wishes to recommend that the International Food Policy Research Institute be granted observer status.

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Agenda item 7

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

Draft report

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Preparatory Committee held its second session at United Nations Headquarters from 22 August to 2 September 1994. The Preparatory Committee held _____ plenary meetings (1st to _____) and a number of informal meetings, as well as _____ meetings of the Working Group on agenda items 3 and 5.

2. The session was opened by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee.

3. At the 1st meeting, on 22 August, the Secretary-General addressed the Preparatory Committee.

4. At the same meeting, the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee made an introductory statement.

B. Attendance

5. The following States were represented: Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland,

India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

6. The following units and programmes of the United Nations were represented: United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations International Drug Control Programme, United Nations University, United Nations Volunteers programme, World Food Programme (WFP), Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, and Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

7. The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights was represented.

8. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organization (ILO), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Health Organization (WHO), World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

9. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee, European Community, International Food Policy Research Institute, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Latin American Economic System (SELA), League of Arab States and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

10. The following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council were represented:

Category I: International Chamber of Commerce, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, International Cooperative Alliance, International Council on Social Welfare, International Federation of Agricultural Producers, International Federation of Associations of the Elderly, International Organization of Consumers Unions (IOCU), World Confederation of Labour and World Muslim Congress;

Category II: ActionAid, American Association of Jurists, American Association of Retired Persons, Disabled People's International, Education International, Emmaus International Association, International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centres, International Federation of Social Workers, International Federation of University Women, International Federation

Terre des Hommes, International Indian Treaty Council, Rehabilitation International, Trickle Up Program and World Blind Union;

Roster: International Association of Gerontology and Latin American Social Science Council.

11. Other accredited non-governmental organizations were represented as follows: Association mondiale des Entrepreneurs pour le Sommet Social (BUSCO), Brazilian Institute of Social and Economic Analyses (IBASE), Centre for Youth and Social Development, Centre of Concern for Child Labour, Cordilera Women's Education and Resource Center, Inc., Cousteau Society Inc., Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN), Franciscans International, Global Alliance for Women's Health, Groupe de Recherche, d'Etudes et de Formation "Femmes-Action" (GREEFA), Instituto del Tercer Mundo, Mellemfolkeligt Samvirke/ Danish Association for International Cooperation, Netherlands Organization for Development Cooperation (NOVIB), OXFAM, People to People Aid Movement, The Overseas Development Council, People's Alliance for Social Development, Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement, Temple of Understanding, The International S.T.E.P.S. Foundation, The Synergos Institute, Third World Network and Women's Environment and Development Organization.

C. Officers

12. The officers, who had been elected by the Preparatory Committee at its organizational session, remained:

Chairman: Juan Somavía (Chile)

Vice-Chairmen: Australia, Cameroon, Denmark (ex officio), India, Indonesia, Latvia, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland and Zimbabwe.

D. Agenda and organization of work

13. At its 1st meeting, on 22 August, the Preparatory Committee adopted the provisional agenda contained in document A/CONF.166/PC/14. The agenda was as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations in accordance with the rules for their participation set out in Preparatory Committee decision 2.

3. Status of the preparations for the World Summit for Social Development:

   (a) Status of the Trust Fund;

   (b) Public information programmes.

4. Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: draft declaration and draft programme of action.

5. Draft provisional rules of procedure of the Summit.

6. Provisional agenda for the third session of the Preparatory Committee.

7. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee.

14. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee approved its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/CONF.166/PC/L.14/Rev.1.

E. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations in accordance with the rules for their participation set out in Preparatory Committee decision 2

15. At its 1st meeting, on 22 August, the Preparatory Committee approved the list of non-governmental organizations recommended for accreditation in document A/CONF.166/PC/11/Add.1 (see annex _____, decision _____).

F. Documentation

16. The documents before the Preparatory Committee are listed in annex _____.

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OUTCOME OF THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: DRAFT DECLARATION AND DRAFT PROGRAMME OF ACTION

Report of the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole

1. The Committee of the Whole on agenda item 4 met in __ sessions over four days to consider the revised draft programme of action contained in document A/CONF.166/PC/CRP.2. The secretariat for the World Summit recorded the numerous suggestions and contributions of the delegations.

2. Views were expressed on a range of substantive issues relating to social development. There were several substantive points that required further discussion and negotiation before the Committee could reach consensus. Those were:

(a) The movement of people across borders;

(b) External debt;

(c) Structural adjustment;

(d) Official development assistance;

(e) Human security;

(f) Sustainable social/human development;

(g) Social security;

(h) Broadening the understanding of work to include informal activities.

3. The Committee of the Whole pointed to the need to maintain the five-chapter structure, and the subsections and headings, contained in the current draft of the programme of action. Within each subsection, and contingent upon the final format of the outcome of the Summit, however, it was proposed to adopt a three-part structure for the text: rationale; goals or objectives; and actions.

4. The Committee recognized that it would be necessary to consider the current text and amendments in order to produce a revised text to be presented to the Preparatory Committee at its third session. For that purpose it was agreed that an open-ended meeting of a group of friends of the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, assisted by the secretariat, should convene during the period between the second and third sessions of the Preparatory Committee. The exact dates for the meeting were not established, although it was suggested that the group should meet at the end of September or beginning of October, with the intention of producing a new text, in the format of a proposal by the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, contained in a document with limited distribution, for distribution by 1 November 1994.

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OUTCOME OF THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: DRAFT DECLARATION AND DRAFT PROGRAMME OF ACTION

Elements for the draft declaration: Progress report presented by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee

The attached progress report reflects informal consultations conducted by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee during its second session. It aims at facilitating analysis by the Preparatory Committee of the elements, tone and style of the draft declaration.

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INTRODUCTION

1. We, Heads of State and Government, for the first time in history have gathered in Copenhagen, on the eve of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations, to give the highest priority to the betterment of the human condition, now and into the twenty-first century.

2. We acknowledge that the people of the world have signalled in different ways an urgent need to address profound social problems pervasive in all societies. People:

(a) Cannot live and work in peace and in harmony with one another and with their environment when a large part of humanity lives in widespread poverty;

(b) Cannot accept the indignity, suffering and waste of so many men, women and children caused by a lack of productive employment and livelihood;

(c) Cannot make our societies places of creative energy and collective prosperity when the capacity of individuals and groups of different cultures, gender, races, economic conditions, interest and aspirations to live in harmony is so fragile.

3. We want to capture the unique opportunity offered by the end of the Cold War to launch a new era of cooperation that puts the needs and aspirations of people at the centre of our decisions.

4. To this end, we commit ourselves to this Declaration and Programme of Action.

PART I

CURRENT SOCIAL SITUATION AND REASONS FOR THE SUMMIT

1. The past 50 years have seen unprecedented progress but also unspeakable misery; a globalization of prosperity is accompanied by a globalization of poverty.

2. Globalization, which is a consequence of enhanced communications, greatly increased trade and capital flows and technological developments, opens new opportunities for development and growth of the world economy. At the same time, the rapid process of change and adjustment results in inequality and processes of marginalization, both within countries and also among nations. The challenge is how to manage this process in a manner that enhances its benefits and mitigates its negative effects on people.

3. There has been progress in some areas:

(a) The wealth of nations has multiplied sevenfold in the past 50 years and trade has grown even more dramatically;

(b) Life expectancy has increased in the majority of countries, and average infant mortality in developing countries has been reduced;

(c) Advances have been made in literacy and primary education and in the expansion of pluralistic and democratic institutions.

4. Yet we recognize that many people in the world are affected by growing distress:

(a) Within many societies and between industrialized and developing countries, the gap between the rich and the poor has increased;

(b) There are serious social problems and problems of transition in countries experiencing fundamental and democratic changes in their political systems;

(c) More than 1 billion people in the world live in abject poverty, and more than half go hungry every day; a large proportion of men and women, particularly in Africa and the least developed countries, have no access to income and resources;

(d) Over 120 million people world wide are officially unemployed, and many more remain underemployed; too many young people have no hope of integrating into their society through productive work;

(e) People in all countries increasingly face vulnerability, isolation, marginalization, violence and insecurity about the future - their own and their children's - as poverty, unemployment and social disintegration are affected by events and circumstances throughout the world.

5. We know that poverty, lack of productive employment and social disintegration represent a waste of human resources, a failure of markets and societal institutions and processes, and an offence to human dignity. We can only continue to hold the trust of our people if we make their needs our priority.

6. Our challenge is to build on the lessons learned and successes achieved, to develop a new culture of cooperation and social progress, to respect our ongoing commitments, to respond to the immediate needs of those who are most affected by human distress, and to establish a people-centred framework for social development to guide us now and in the future. We are determined to meet this challenge and promote social progress throughout the world.

7. All these problems are global in character and affect all our countries in various ways. Yet, we clearly acknowledge that the situation of developing countries, and particularly Africa and the least developed countries, is critical and requires special attention; we also acknowledge that countries undertaking fundamental social and political changes require the support of the international community.

PART II

PRINCIPLES, COMMON VALUES AND GOALS

8. We, Heads of State and Government, are committed to an intellectual, spiritual and ethical vision for social development based on human dignity, equality, respect, mutual responsibility and cooperation. Accordingly, we will strive to create a framework for national and international actions that:

(a) Places people at the centre of development and the economy at the service of human needs;

(b) Respects the need for global human well-being and productive life, fulfilling our responsibility for future generations and protecting the integrity and sustainable use of our environment;

(c) Incorporates the interdependence of economic and social, public and private spheres of activity, integrates economic and social policies so that they become more mutually supportive in the interest of the well-being and dignity of all mankind, and addresses the underlying causes of poverty, unemployment and social disintegration;

(d) Promotes human dignity, social justice and solidarity at the national and international levels; ensures tolerance, non-violence, pluralism and respect for cultural, social and political diversity;

(e) Respects and enforces the right to development and other universally established human rights; promotes rights and responsibilities ensuring social progress and security for all, the search for the common good and harmonious relations between human beings and our planet; promotes equality between men and women;

(f) Supports progress and security of mankind as a guiding principle whereby every member of our global society is enabled to satisfy basic human needs and to realize personal dignity, safety, creativity and potential. It also means creating safe homes and safe streets, safe working conditions, and finding peace within and among nations;

(g) Establishes good governance with integrity, respect, transparency, efficiency, effectiveness and accountability in all public and private institutions; ensuring that the choice made by Governments, entrepreneurs, members of the civil society and non-governmental organizations, cooperatives, other community organizations, members of international organizations and financial institutions, trade unions and, ultimately, all citizens of the world, support the long-term well-being of people everywhere;

(h) Invites all actors to express their personal commitment to enhancing the human condition in their own actions;

(i) [Encourages] the improvement of community participation and self-reliance, which contribute socially and economically to a higher quality of welfare and productive life for all, since renewed forms of cooperation and partnership at all levels and among all actors of the development process are necessary to achieve social progress;

(j) Enables and empowers all people, particularly the poor, to participate in the decisions affecting their lives and societies, based on trust, reciprocity, involvement and mutual support.

PART III

COMMITMENTS

9. On the basis of our common vision for social development, we undertake the following commitments in full respect for national sovereignty and policy priorities:

Commitment 1

We commit ourselves to promoting social progress and enhancing the human condition, and to giving it the highest priority in national and international policies and efforts.

To that end we shall:

(a) Promote an equitable distribution of income and access to resources through policies geared towards greater social justice at all levels;

(b) Facilitate a resumption of growth of the world economy and better access of developing countries to markets, productive investments and technologies, with due consideration for the needs of countries with economies in transition;

(c) Develop a global compact whereby all Governments, institutions of the United Nations system, international development agencies and multilateral development banks pledge to work for continuous sustainable progress in attaining core goals agreed by the Summit;

(d) Address, through various forms of cooperation, global problems and threats such as communicable diseases, organized crime, drug abuse, drug trafficking and related criminality, and terrorism.

Commitment 2

We commit ourselves to the goal of eradicating poverty in the world, in the shortest period possible, by decisive national actions and international cooperation, as a moral and political imperative of humankind.

To that end at the national level, we shall:

(a) Commit ourselves to formulating national, specific, time-bound commitments to eliminating extreme poverty;

(b) Focus our efforts and policies on the satisfaction of basic needs for all with regard to food security and the elimination of malnutrition, primary health care and voluntary family planning, safe drinking water and sanitation, universal primary education, adequate shelter and access to information and knowledge;

(c) Review national budgets and adjust them to meet, on a priority basis, these basic needs;

(d) Develop and implement policies for ensuring that all people have adequate economic and social protection during unemployment, ill health, child-rearing, disability and old age;

(e) Give special priority to the needs of women and children.

At the international level, we shall remove all impediments to the attainment of this commitment in a sustained manner and ensure that all international institutions, particularly the multilateral development banks, assist developing countries and other countries in need in their efforts towards the achievement of our overall goal of eliminating poverty and ensuring basic social protection.

Commitment 3

We commit ourselves to enabling all people to earn livelihoods through freely chosen productive employment, self employment and other forms of work.

We commit ourselves to retaining full employment as a general goal.

To those ends we shall:

(a) Put the creation of employment at the centre of the strategies and policies of Governments, private enterprises, and international organizations;

(b) Promote labour-intensive investment and commit ourselves to appropriate outlays and technologies to make employment strategies productive and sustainable;

(c) Give particular importance to youth employment and reduce their unemployment to the national average;

(d) Expand work opportunities and productivity by means such as investing substantially in human resources, especially through the provision of education and health care, by encouraging self employment and small enterprises, and improving access to credit, information, training and infrastructure;

(e) Ensure that workers have the training facilities, skills and abilities needed to adapt to changing technologies and labour markets.

We shall, also, at the international level:

(a) Devote ourselves to formulating macroeconomic policies that foster long-term sustainable economic growth, open markets, well distributed global investment and greater export opportunities for developing countries;

(b) Devote ourselves to the goal of ensuring quality jobs in full respect of ILO conventions.

Commitment 4

We commit ourselves to promoting social integration by fostering inclusive, participatory, just, safe and stable societies for all people. Social integration requires the elimination of all forms of discrimination, the sharing of basic values and respect for pluralism and diversity.

To that end, we shall:

(a) Resolve to ensure that effective laws and agencies exist to prevent discrimination on the grounds of gender, race, religion, age or disability;

(b) Recognize fully the inherent rights of indigenous peoples and the need to adopt specific strategies to develop greater respect for cultural diversity and for the needs of refugees and migrants;

(c) Ensure the protection of disadvantaged and vulnerable groups and individuals, including elderly people and people with disabilities;

(d) Promote the full participation of all in the formulation and implementation of decisions affecting the functioning of our societies and the well-being of individuals;

(e) Given the importance of communication and information for social integration and the respect of diversity, promote an understanding and awareness to ensure that the present system of national and international television includes space for public television, which is neither government-controlled nor exclusively profit-oriented.

Commitment 5

We commit ourselves to achieving full equality between men and women and to enhancing the contribution of women to social progress and development.

To that end, we shall:

(a) Eliminate all obstacles to gender equality and promote a full participation of women in the betterment of societies;

(b) Establish objectives and measurable goals to reduce gender differentials, since gender equality is a component of all policies directly relevant to the objectives of the Social Summit;

(c) Ensure the ratification, removal of reservations, and implementation of all the provisions of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and other relevant instruments;

(d) Promote changes in attitudes, policies and practices that prevent full gender equality and full participation of women;

(e) Ensure gender balance in decision-making and the implementation mechanisms of public policies.

Commitment 6

We commit ourselves to promoting the economic, social and human development of Africa and all least developed countries.

To that end, we shall:

(a) Provide a solution to the debt problem;

(b) Take special measures to facilitate trade;

(c) Increase official development assistance for social programmes and promote public and private investments;

(d) Ensure the implementation of the strategies and measures for the development of Africa decided by the international community and African organizations.

Commitment 7

We commit ourselves to making structural adjustment programmes socially oriented and non-detrimental to the weakest.

To that end, we shall:

(a) Commit ourselves to reviewing the negative impact that structural adjustment programmes have on social development on a country-by-country basis, reducing their negative effect on social development, and integrating poverty

reduction and gender equity objectives into those programmes. The first priority is to protect basic social programmes and expenditure from across-the-board budget reductions; appropriate changes in the policies of the Bretton Woods Institution will be necessary;

(b) Ensure that all adjustment policies, including those resulting from periods of transition, globalization and rapid change, take into account social objectives and the need to protect the weakest segments of societies. The support of regional and international organizations is required;

(c) Request the United Nations to review the impact on economic and social development of structural adjustment programmes, and request the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and other multilateral development institutions to use social-impact assessments and other relevant methods to ensure a significantly greater focus upon issues of social development and basic human needs.

Commitment 8

We commit ourselves to generating sufficient resources to achieve our objectives and fulfil our commitments for social development.

To that end, we shall:

(a) Ensure that taxation systems are progressive, based on larger contributions from those people who have a greater capacity to pay, and ensure that tax liabilities are collected efficiently and fairly;

(b) Further ensure that tax systems obtain adequate and equitable contributions from business enterprises, in addition to private citizens, in ways that discourage speculative activities and enhance activities which are genuinely productive and employment-oriented.

Commitment 9

At the international level, we commit ourselves, within the framework of strengthened international cooperation, to improving the international economic environment and to improving international financial assistance.

To that end, we shall:

(a) Ensure that the supply and utilization of international financial assistance for developing countries is improved substantially, especially for the purposes of eradicating poverty and improving the situation of marginalized and vulnerable groups;

(b) Commit ourselves to striving for the fulfilment of the agreed target of 0.7 per cent of GNP for overall official development assistance, within a time-frame to be set by each country, and endeavour to increase the share of funding for social development programmes, commensurate with the scope and scale of activities required to achieve the objectives and goals of this Declaration and its Programme of Action;

(c) Maintain the agreed timetable for implementation of the Marrakech trade agreements and request a report by the World Trade Organization to the Economic and Social Council about the impact of trade liberalization on progress made in the developing countries in meeting basic human needs and about areas of further liberalization which need special attention in order to assist those countries;

(d) Ensure urgent implementation of existing debt-relief agreements and negotiate further initiatives to eliminate all debts of severely indebted countries at an early date. In the field of international cooperation and international financial assistance, attention must be given to the needs of the countries with economies in transition;

(e) Develop effectively the framework for international cooperation in economic and social issues which was agreed to in the Charter of the United Nations, including the role that was envisaged for the Economic and Social Council;

(f) Promote an international economic environment that encourages long-term investments and enterprises which are productive, create jobs, are socially responsible, and respect the environment;

(g) Ensure that the existing international regime of human rights instruments, which already imposes binding obligations in relation to many key aspects of social development, is applied more widely and effectively;

(h) Require that the agreements made at this Summit are effectively facilitated and monitored at the national and international levels, and that further initiatives are then agreed;

(i) Schedule a second World Summit for Social Development to review progress with implementation of this Summit's agreements and to agree on further initiatives, as necessary.

10. The measures to implement the objectives and commitments proclaimed in this Declaration and to be taken by our Governments, international organizations and all other actors in the development process are detailed in the attached Programme of Action.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRD SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretariat

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations in accordance with the rules for their participation set out in decision 2 of the Preparatory Committee.

3. Status of the preparations for the World Summit for Social Development:

   (a) Trust Fund;

   (b) Public information programmes.

4. Draft outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: draft declaration and draft programme of action.

5. Provisional agenda and organization of work for the World Summit for Social Development.

6. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee.

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STATUS OF THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Elements for possible inclusion in a draft on the status of the preparations for the World Summit for Social Development

Note by the Secretariat

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Trust Fund for the World Summit for Social Development

1. The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development:

(a) Recalls General Assembly resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992, in which the Assembly invited the Secretary-General to establish a Trust Fund for the World Summit for Social Development, in order to mobilize voluntary contributions from public and private sources for the financing of the additional activities required by the preparations for and the holding of the Summit, including the regional preparatory meetings, and for the financing of the participation of the least developed countries in the Summit and its preparatory process;

(b) Also recalls General Assembly resolution 48/100 of 20 December 1993, in which the Assembly invited all States to contribute generously to the Trust Fund;

(c) Notes that contributions to the Trust Fund have been received from 12 States and expresses its appreciation to them for their generosity and support;

(d) Reiterates the importance of participation from the least developed countries in the preparatory process of the Summit and in the Summit itself;

(e) Urges all States, public and private organizations and individuals to contribute generously to the Trust Fund to support preparatory activities for the Summit, and, in particular, to facilitate the fullest participation of the least developed countries in the preparatory process and the Summit itself, including through payments, to the extent that resources in the Trust Fund are available, of a subsistence allowance to their representatives.

B

Activities undertaken since the first session of the Preparatory Committee

Cooperation with the host Government

2. The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development expresses its deep appreciation to the Government of Denmark for its preparations for the Summit, and notes with satisfaction the signing of the host government agreement between the United Nations and the Government of Denmark.

National level

3. The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development:

(a) Expresses its gratitude to the States that submitted national reports, notes that, including the reports submitted at the first session of the Preparatory Committee, the Secretariat has received a total of 26 national reports, and invites the Secretariat to explore the possibility of a larger diffusion and use of those reports;

(b) Invites Governments that have not yet done so to establish national committees for the preparation for the Summit, and also invites Governments to inform the Secretariat, to the extent possible, of the establishment of such committees;

(c) Requests the Secretariat to inform the Preparatory Committee at its third session, in an appropriate manner, of activities at the national level related to the preparations for the Summit.

Symposia, seminars and workshops

4. The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development:

(a) Notes the activities undertaken by the Secretariat in preparation for the Summit, including, inter alia, the organizations of symposia, seminars and workshops on issues of direct relevance to the Summit;

(b) Takes note of the content of the summary of discussions of the expert group meeting on poverty organized by the Secretariat and the World Bank, held in Lusaka, Zambia, in June 1994;

(c) Expresses its thanks to the Government of Zambia for its assistance and cooperation in the organization of the meeting, and to the Government of the

Netherlands for the financial contribution that it made towards the convening of the meeting;

(d) Notes the symposia, seminars and workshops organized by other entities of the United Nations system, Governments, non-governmental organizations and other public and private organizations, and expresses its appreciation for their contributions to the overall process of preparation for and follow-up to the Summit;

(e) Notes with appreciation the supportive activities undertaken at the regional level, notably by the regional commissions;

(f) Encourages the United Nations, the United Nations system, Governments, non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations and institutes to continue their initiatives to support the preparation for the Summit, including seminars, workshops and symposia.

C

Non-governmental organizations

5. The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development:

(a) Notes with satisfaction that a large number of non-governmental organizations have been accredited to the Preparatory Committee;

(b) Expresses its appreciation for the contributions that non-governmental organizations are making to the preparatory process of the Summit;

(c) Encourages national and international non-governmental organizations to continue to extend their active participation to the preparatory process and follow-up of the Summit.

D

Public information programme

6. The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development:

(a) Notes with appreciation the activities undertaken by the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat in disseminating information on the Summit, and its objectives and issues, and the media strategy proposed by the Department of Public Information;

(b) Also notes the active involvement of the United Nations information centres in undertaking special promotional activities and the implementation of the information programme and media strategy;

(c) Encourages the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat to continue its efforts in bringing the Summit to the attention of the widest possible audience;

(d) Encourages all organizations and agencies of the United Nations system to include the Summit and its objectives in their public information activities.